

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 36 JUNE 2018
FINAL TOPLINE
JUNE 19 – JULY 2, 2018
TOTAL N=4,587**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY HAVE EITHER BEEN PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

| | Sample Size | Margin of error at 95% confidence level |
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| U.S. adults | 4,587 | +/- 2.4% points |

ASK ALL:

HIGHED Now, thinking about the higher education system, that is colleges and universities, in the United States today...

Do you think the higher education system in the U.S. is generally going in the...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

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| 38 | Right direction |
| 61 | Wrong direction |
| 2 | No answer |

ASK IF HIGHED=2 [N=2,832]:

HIGHEDWRNG For each of the following, please indicate whether this is a reason why you think the higher education system in the U.S. is going in the wrong direction.
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, NEVER PLACING ITEMS B AND C BACK-TO-BACK]

- a. Tuition costs are too high

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| 84 | Major reason |
| 12 | Minor reason |
| 4 | Not a reason |
| 1 | No answer |

- b. Professors are bringing their political and social views into the classroom

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| 50 | Major reason |
| 26 | Minor reason |
| 23 | Not a reason |
| 1 | No answer |

HIGHEDWRNG CONTINUED...

- c. Colleges and universities are too concerned about protecting students from views they might find offensive

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| 54 | Major reason |
| 27 | Minor reason |
| 18 | Not a reason |
| 1 | No answer |

- d. Students are not getting the skills they need to succeed in the workplace

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| 65 | Major reason |
| 26 | Minor reason |
| 8 | Not a reason |
| 1 | No answer |

ASK ALL:

COLSPEECH Thinking again about colleges and universities...

Which of the following do you think should be more important on college campuses these days? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

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| 87 | Allowing people to speak their minds freely, even if some students find their views upsetting or offensive |
| 11 | Ensuring that students aren't exposed to views they find upsetting or offensive, even if that limits what people are allowed to say |
| 1 | No answer |